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SUBJECT: BEIRUT JULY 27 EVACUATION--QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN
PARTICIPANTS

1. DURING EVACUATION JULY 27, PLO AND LEBANESE ARAB ARMY PERSONNEL
MADE SOME EFFORTS TO CONTROL DEPARTURE OF PALESTINIANS WHO WERE
LEGITIMATELY REGISTERED BY THE EMBASSY FOR EVACUATION. SOME
PARTICIPANTS SUSPECTED OF BEING PALESTINIANS WERE AT LEAST TEMPORARILY

DETAINED. HOWEVER, WE HAVE IMPRESSION FROM SEVERAL BUT NECESSARILY
INCOMPLETE EYEWITNESS AQCOUNTS THAT NO RPT NO REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS
FAILED TO BOARD BOAT.

2. IF ANY PALESTINIANS WERE DETAINED AND FAILED TO BOARD BOAT, WE
UNABLE TO POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THEM FROM HERE. THEY COULD BE TRAVELING

ON VARIETY OF DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS LEBANESE PASSPORT, LEBANESE
GOVT LAISSEZ PASSER OR PASSPORTS FROM THIRD COUNTRIES SUCH AS
JORDAN.

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3. ONLY WAY TO ESTABLISH POSITIVELY WHETHER ANY PALESTINIAN

REGISTERED PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT ON BOAT IS TO COMPARE LIST OF REGISTRANTS WE TRANSMITTING (SEPTTEL) WITH LIST BEING PREPARED ON BOARD SHIP. SINCE OUR LIST WAS COMPILED AT STAGING POINT (RIVIERA HOTEL) AND EVACUEES WERE THEN BUSSED TO BAIN MILITAIRE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME REGISTERED WITH US DID NOT ACTUALLY LEAVE.

4. WE CONFIDENT THAT ANY PALESTINIANS WHO DID BOARD SHIP WERE LEGITIMATE REGISTRANTS ACCORDING TO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED EMBASSY BEIRUT GUIDELINES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED OF EMBASSY STAFF ABOARD CORONADO:
COMPARE YOUR LIST WITH OURS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND REPORT ANY DISCREPANCIES TO SECSTATE WASHDC AND TO EMBASSY BEIRUT.
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